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I swear . . .

There was a lot of swearing going on last week in the Clinton County Circuit Courtroom, but in this case, it was of a positive nature. Elected officials who will be serving new office terms for both the city of Albany as well as Clinton County were officially sworn in during separate oaths that were administered last Tuesday morning.

Above, Clinton County's top government official, County Judge/Executive Richard Armstrong, right, listens as the oath to his office is administered by Clinton District Judge James M. "Mike" Lawson, left. Clinton Circuit Judge David L. Williams, who administered several other oaths to officials Tuesday, is watching from behind the podium above center.

Several photos from last week's swearing-in event can be found this week on pages 2 and 3.

Healthy Hometown Coalition approved for Phase II funding

The health and well-being of Clinton County residents, and especially that of the younger residents in our county, may have received the most significant news ever last week.

At a meeting of the members of a relatively new group here who have taken the initiative to try and improve the health of the people of Clinton County, the announcement was made that the Clinton County Healthy Hometown Coalition would receive the second phase of grant funding from The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

The announcement was made to the group by Paula Little who has been serving as the Chairperson of the Healthy Hometown Coalition since it's beginning 18 months ago.

The announcement came in a "preliminary" form as the official announcement of the Phase II funding won't be made until mid-January, but Little said she had been informed that Clinton County was one of the projects that had been approved.

The grant will be in the amount of \$400,000 over a three year period and will be used on a host of programs and projects that are centered on improving the health of residents in Clinton County.

At the meeting, Little was clearly excited about the potential the funding would have for Clinton County, and especially for school aged and younger residents.

She also offered a host of praise for the work that the members of the local Hometown Coalition had completed in order for the program to receive approval for the next portion of grant monies.

"We have a chance to do something now that is going to make a

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One killed, one injured in two-vehicle accident

A two-vehicle accident just outside of the Albany City limits last week has resulted in the death of one Albany man .

According to the Kentucky State Police Post 15 in Columbia, Jackie Lynch, 35, of Albany, was killed when the 1993 Plymouth four-door vehicle he was operating wrecked on Ky. 350 last Monday, December 29, 2014.

At the time of the accident, Lynch was traveling east on Ky. 350, also known as the Old Monticello Road, when he lost control of the vehicle in a curve and traveled into the path of a westbound 2005 Dodge pickup truck being operated by Beau Ochsner, 30, of Pall Mall, Tennessee.

A passenger in the vehicle with Lynch, William Moore III, also of Albany, was transported and treated at the Clinton County Hospital.

Lynch, who was also transported to the Clinton County Hospital, was pronounced dead by the Clinton County Coroner, according to the Kentucky State Police.

Neither Lynch nor Moore were using seat belts at the time of the accident and Ochsner was belted and not injured, according to the Kentucky State Police.

The accident remains under investigation.

Sheriff Guffey secures bond, new fiscal court meets

Clinton County Fiscal Court, meeting for the first time in 2015 with a new judge/executive and one new magistrate, dealt with county employee hiring and rehiring and the sheriff's revenue bond issue on Monday morning, January 5.

During the meeting it was acknowledged that Clinton County Sheriff Jim Guffey had been successful in securing the necessary bonding insurance that was needed for him to assume the duties of the office.

Guffey was in his office on Monday morning, along with his new staff, and appeared ready to begin serving in that capacity.

"Tell everyone that I'm good and ready to go,"

Guffey told one reporter with the Clinton County News in his office that morning.

The special fiscal court meeting saw all members present as well as several spectators.

Prior to official business being conducted, Albany Mayor Nicky Smith offered his and the City of Albany's pledge of support to the new judge and county government.

The court members first reviewed a listing of county employees by name, position and pay rate for the coming year.

Finance Officer Tuesday Davis then read aloud

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Arrests made after raid of illegal cockfight Sunday

An anonymous tip that was made to the Kentucky State Police over the weekend has resulted in the discovery of an illegal cockfighting operation and the arrest of 15 individuals.

According to Kentucky State Police Post 15 Columbia Public Affairs Officer Billy Gregory, the anonymous tip came in to the post at approximately

10:09 a.m. Sunday.

The tip was in relation to a possible cockfight that was reportedly in progress at that time.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Jason Warinner and Clinton County Sheriff Rick Riddle were

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Dr. Paula Little, Chairperson for the Healthy Hometown Coalition, talked to members of the Coalition during a recent luncheon meeting. Little announced to the group at that time that the program had received Phase II funding, meaning that an additional \$400,000 will be used to implement projects designed to raise nutrition and health levels of Clinton County residents over the next three years.

Mediacom customers to see slight cost increase

Customers who subscribe to cable television service in Albany and Clinton County will see another rate adjustment that will become effective this month. However, the increase will be minimal to most subscribers and only slightly higher for those who sub-

scribe to the premium HBO channel.

Mediacom Cable, the city and county's cable TV provider, announced the slight increase in a letter to local officials dated December 12, 2014 from Kate Hotle, Manager, Government Relations with the cable compa-

ny. The correspondence blamed the increase in rates on higher programming costs for networks and sports television outlets.

The increase will be as follows:

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Johnny Russell begins duties as newest squire

In early January, there will be a couple of new faces that make up the Clinton County Fiscal Court. One of those will be the only new magistrate, as life-long Clinton County resident Johnny Russell, 59, will be First District Magistrate after having won the past year's election in the May primary.

Russell is the son of the late Glen and Alene Russell and is married to Penny Cross Russell. The couple have two sons, Nathan, 31, and Jonathan, 24.

This is the first time that the new magistrate has been elected to public office, but he was a candidate back in the mid-1990s in an unsuccessful county-wide race for Clinton County Jailer, the year that Steve Wallace was elected to that position.

Russell has had various vocations, mostly as a truck

driver, and he also worked as a deputy jailer at the local jail in the 1990s. Most recently he has worked for 18 years at Albany Redi-Mix. He now, for the most part, stays home and takes care of his wife, Penny, who suffered a serious stroke about six years ago.

Russell said he didn't really have any one particular reason for deciding to seek the magisterial seat. "I just decided to try for it when the filing for local office began," he said.

The magistrate-elect feels his background in different jobs and working with the public will help him in his job duties as a county official and noted he recently went to three days of training for magistrates that

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Johnny Russell

Sports

Lady Dawgs run record to 15-0 with win over Lady Lakers

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AES Principal Scott reads Green Eggs & Ham from school rooftop

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Inside

Christy Nuetzman: Be ready for the cold days of winter

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Weather

A blast of the coldest air thus far this winter will grip the county in below freezing temperatures through the end of the week. Highs in the upper 20s to low 30s, with lows in the teens. Mostly sunny skies.

Last Year

Headlines from the front page one year ago:

Bitter cold, snow brings first taste of winter

Clinton native, casino owner, J.G. Woodrum dies in Nevada

PEOPLE

Middle school students ‘serenaded’ from the rooftop by Principal Teresa Scott reading Green Eggs and Ham

In the spring of 2014, CCMS Principal Teresa Scott made a promise to the student body.

On Wednesday, December 17th, she made good on that promise. Decked out in 80’s attire and sporting a Cindy-Lou-Who hairdo, Mrs. Scott perched herself on the roof of CCMS to read Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss to the students in the grade level that had the most gains on last year’s KPREP tests.

The grade level of students that got to enjoy this spectacle was last year’s 7th graders (this year’s 8th graders).

Congratulations to the students for their hard work and to Mrs. Scott for her dedication.



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Clinton County Attorney Michael Rains, center, watches as Clinton Circuit Judge David L. Williams administers the oath of office to Assistant County Attorney Gary Little. Rains had taken the oath of office minutes earlier.



Clinton Circuit Judge David L. Williams administered the oath of office to the new Clinton County Fiscal Court magistrates, also commonly referred to as Squires. Accepting the oath, and the duties of office last week were, left to right, Mickey Riddle, Patty Guinn, Hershell Key, Johnny Russell, Ricky Craig and Terry Buster.



Clinton Circuit Judge David L. Williams administered the oath of office to the new Albany City Council last week, including, left to right, council members Tonya Thrasher and Tony Delk, Albany Mayor Nicky Smith and council members Leland Hicks, Brad Thrasher and Frankie Stockton.



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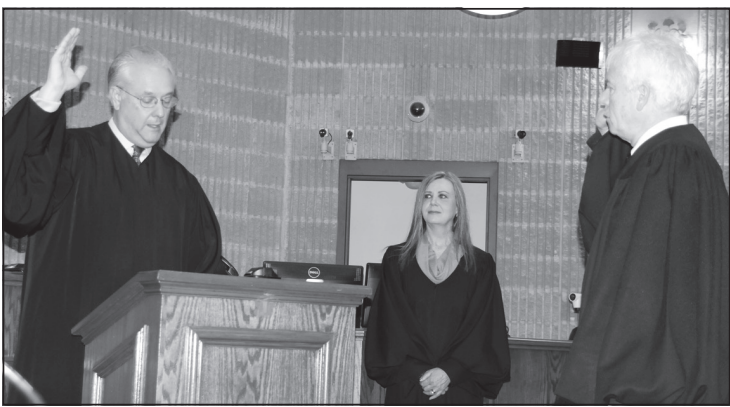
Several people were on hand last Tuesday morning in the Clinton County Circuit Courtroom for the administration of the oath of office to local government officials who will sit in office for the next term. Above, office holders along with family and friends waited for the ceremony to begin as the program started with a welcome from Clinton Circuit Court Clerk Jake Staton.



Clinton County Clerk Shelia Braswell Booher being sworn in by Circuit Judge David L. Williams.



Clinton County’s constables were administered the oath of office last week by Clinton County Circuit Judge David L. Williams. From left to right, accepting the duties of the office of constable, were: Jerry Craig, Ronnie Thrasher, Andy Butler, Rick Stearns and Gilbert Daniel.



Clinton Circuit Court Judge David Williams, left, administered the oath of office to Clinton District Judge James “Mike” Lawson as Clinton District Judge Scarlett Latham watches and waits her turn to take the oath of office. Earlier in the program, Lawson administered the oath of office to Judge Williams.

THINGS TO DO

kynect Help Day

A kynect Help Day will be held on Thursday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Clinton County Extension Office. Staff from Cumberland Family Medical will be available to assist individuals in making health insurance decisions. Please be prepared and bring the following items with you: Social Security card, birth certificate, driver’s license, and income verification (last paystub, 2013 tax return, monthly benefit award letter, or bank statement). For more information, contact the Clinton County Extension Office at 387-5404.

Farm Service Agency Farm Loan Program help

The Farm Service Agency Farm Loan Program team will be in the Albany Farm Service Agency office every Tuesday morning from 8:00 am to 11:00 am to assist new and existing customers with the Farm Loan Program. Please call the Monticello FSA office for more information or to make an appointment at 606-348-8469 extension 5.

FSA Loan Program assistance

The Farm Service Agency Loan Program will be in the Albany Farm Service Agency office every Tuesday morning from 8-11 a.m. to assist new and existing customers with the Farm Loan Program. Please call the Monticello FSA office for more information or to make an appointment at 606-348-8469, extension 5.

Twin Lakes Beekeepers meeting

The Twin Lakes Beekeepers Association will meet Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Extension Office. Those interested in beekeeping are welcome to attend.

Attention all veterans -- Free

Any veteran who has earned service medals while serving in the U.S. Military and has not received their medals please contact Bill Rutherford. Please note you will need a copy of your DD-214 to request your medals. Contact Bill at 20 Robin Lane, Monticello, Ky. 42633 or call 606-340-3142.

County

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each of the names, positions and pay rates of both existing and new county employees, which was eventually voted on and approved by the court, with a couple of magistrates--Ricky Craig and Patty Guinn--abstaining on some of the hires due to being related to some of the individuals.

Four new employees were on the list, including Penny Jo Stearns, administrative assistant in the judge’s office; Joy Armstrong, who was appointed Deputy Judge; and Ronald McGill and Jonathan Branham, both deputy jailers.

The court approved the deputy judge appointment within the hiring of new employees. As with past deputy judge’s, she will receive \$12 per hour as secretary and \$5,000 per year for the position of deputy judge/executive.

Those individuals hired included EMS employees (EMTs, paramedics and dispatchers), road department employees, custodial workers, office staff and jail employees, including deputy jailers and cooks.

There will be few changes in the courthouse staff, as Virginia Conner will remain Occupational Tax Administrator, Tuesday Davis will remain as Finance Officer and Lyle Norris will continue to receive a set annual salary as the county’s Solid Waste Coordinator.

During the hiring process, there was some confusion and a couple of times motions on pay scales for certain employees were rescinded and re-voted on.

Judge Armstrong recommended that current road foreman Jim Pennycuff receive a rate of pay from \$13.50 to \$16.50 per hour until he leaves the position in mid-January and further that the incoming road foreman, Michael Craig, be hired at the \$16.50 per hour rate.

Magistrate Ricky Craig said he had no problem with hiring (Michael) Craig for the position, but not at \$3 more than the current rate.

Later, Magistrate Hershell Key made a motion to hire Craig as road foremen at \$16.50 per hour, but the motion was later

rescinded.

During discussion on the issue, Magistrate Mickey Riddle said the county didn’t have the money to pay \$16.50 per hour for the position. Judge Armstrong disagreed and said he had talked with other county officials and road foremans in most counties receive much higher hourly rates than what Clinton County pays. He also questioned County Treasurer Dallas Sidwell about the money issue with Sidwell saying the county did have money in the road department.

Some magistrates, however, indicated using the road money for salaries would be like “robbing Peter to pay Paul.”

Eventually, Key made a motion to pay Pennycuff \$16.50 per hour, with the motion failing 4-2 with Key and Magistrate Johnny Russell voting yes and Magistrates Riddle, Craig, Guinn and Terry Buster voting no, mostly citing the idea the county couldn’t afford to pay the extra money for the road foreman position.

A motion was then made to set the road foreman pay at the current \$13.50 rate which passed.

The court then took up the issue of the sheriff’s revenue bond.

Judge Armstrong noted that the bonding issues had been going on for some time and that back in 1994, the bond was raised from \$100,000 to \$1 million. He then asked the court to consider lowering the bond for sheriff Jim Guffey from \$1 million to \$500,000. Previous bonding year amounts was around \$6,700 but he said at the \$1 million amount, it would cost \$25,000. By cutting the bond in half, it would cost “\$12,500 or less,” he continued.

Magistrate Riddle, in noting the sheriff’s office handled about \$3 million per year, asked about the difference in the amounts, saying the county would be liable if something happened and asked, “Why would you risk it?”

Armstrong, noting he was looking at the situation from a financial standpoint in the difference between \$12,500 and \$25,000, said that the sheriff’s office would be making daily deposits and it would be unlikely they would handle more than \$50,000 in any given day, plus all checks require two signatures. He said he really didn’t see much risk.

Following a brief discussion,

Magistrate Key moved to put the matter up for a vote, but that motion was also later rescinded following some confusion on the motion’s intent.

Magistrate Buster then made the motion to lower the bond from \$1 million to \$500,000, which was seconded by Magistrate Russell but failed on a 4-2 vote with Magistrates Riddle, Craig, Guinn and Key voting no, meaning the bond will stay at \$1 million at a cost of \$25,000.

Some magistrates voted no because of what they believe

may be liability issues and both magistrates Craig and Guinn told Sheriff Guffey that it was nothing personal against him by not voting to lower the bond but said they wouldn’t vote to lower it for anyone.

With no other items of business on the agenda, the call meeting was adjourned after about 50 minutes.

The first regular meeting of Clinton Fiscal Court for this year is scheduled for next Thursday, January 15 at 5 p.m. and is open to the general public.

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Christy Nuetzman
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Get ready for winter

Source: Connee Wheeler and Beverly Miller,
UK senior extension associates

Winter snuck in early this year. You can take steps now to get yourself ready for the winter yet to come and any winter weather-related emergencies. Here are some tips:

- Have snow removal items such as shovels and ice melting products on hand.
 - Keep warm clothes and blankets handy.
 - If you have a wood burning stove or fireplace, stock up on dry, seasoned wood to use as an alternative heat source in the event of a power outage. Hire a professional to clean and inspect your chimney every year.
 - Monitor your propane tank throughout the winter to make sure you have enough fuel. Schedule a refill with your dealer when the level hits 25 percent to assure you don’t run out.
 - Bring pets inside during winter weather.
 - The University of Kentucky Ag Weather Center meteorologists issue wind chill advisories for livestock owners when bitter cold weather is imminent. Make sure livestock have shelter and fresh drinking water during that time. You can follow these advisories on the UKAg Weather Center at <http://weather.uky.edu/index.php>.
 - Seal leaks and insulate walls, attics and pipes to keep in heat.
 - Install storm windows or cover the existing ones with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
 - Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or any other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning equipment in any enclosed or partially enclosed areas for warmth or cooking. This includes homes, garages, basements and crawl spaces. Burning these alternative fuel sources in these areas could result in carbon monoxide poisoning, fire or electric shock.
 - Install carbon monoxide alarms in your house.
- More information on weather preparedness is available at the Clinton County office of the UK Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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Shelton Smith- I Write Unto You 1/17/15 9:00 a.m.
Terry Sellars- Where Are All The Faithful? 1/18/15 8:00 a.m.
Terrall Hopkins- The Old Paths 1/24/15 9:00 a.m.
Greg Neal- Give Me The Hither And Thither 1/25/15 8:00 a.m.
Norris Belcher- Eyes Open Seeing Nothing 1/31/15 9:00 a.m.
Justin Cooper- What Is Chaff To The Wheat? 2/1/15 8:00 a.m.
Gary Randall- Shaking Off The Snakes Of Life 2/7/15 9:00 a.m.
John Hamblin- How Not To Be Ashamed At Christ's Coming 2/8/15 8:00 a.m.
Terrell Hopkins- If God Can Use A Donkey, He Can Use You! 2/14/15 9:00 a.m.
Larry Dobbs- Don't Stop Swinging The Broom 2/15/15 8:00 a.m.
Jeff Fugate- Where Is God? 2/21/15 9:00 a.m.
Tom Neal- Let Us Rise Up And Build 2/22/15 8:00 a.m.
Tom Neal- Just How Far Is Heaven? 2/28/15 9:00 a.m.
John Hamblin- Does The Devil Know You? 3/1/15 8:00 a.m.
Justin Cooper- A Church That The Devil Can Live By 3/7/15 9:00 a.m.
Norris Belcher- What Did You Do With Your Pound? 3/8/15 8:00 a.m.
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CCMS receives VSA Arts Inclusion Award

Clinton County Middle School has received an Arts Inclusion award in the amount of \$1,250.00, funded by VSA Kentucky, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities in the arts for children and adults with disabilities.

This award will fund a week-long program at Clinton County Middle School with Burkesville teaching artist Patricia Ritter.

During the project, Mrs. Ritter will work with four art classes (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades) to design and paint a mural in the CCMS cafeteria illustrating noteworthy symbols of the four cultures the students are studying in middle school - Latin America, Appalachia, Native American, and West African.

The mural will include four large, overlapping circles, with each class assigned one culture and working within one circle.

Prior to beginning the week-long project, students will be reading and studying in order to brainstorm what to include to represent their assigned culture - such as musical instruments, arts and crafts, dance steps, national costumes, holidays, foods, perhaps a famous person.

Each circle will include a simple yet graphic map of that section of the world they are studying and the items chosen to represent the cultures will be artfully placed around it.

This project will be experiential for all the students involved as they will be participating in brainstorming and discussions of content for the mural and their input will be valued and considered when pulling the final designs together.

Students will also be sketching and painting on the wall.



Russell

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was held earlier in December in Louisville.

"They taught us a lot, including about what a magistrate can and cannot do and how county government works," said Russell of the recent training session that is required of new magistrates.

Russell said he looked forward to working with the other

five members of the fiscal court and the new county judge/executive for the betterment of the Clinton County and for the people in his district. Although not naming many specific goals, he did note that keeping the jail open was one of his priorities.

Russell went on to say the most pressing issues facing the county at this point is the budget and finances in light of the current economic climate. He feels that bringing more jobs to the county would help that situation.

"I'd like to see a lot of things

accomplished, but I'll just have to wait and see what we (fiscal court) can do as I go along," in noting he will be new to the job and will have quite a lot to learn as time goes on.

Russell also believes it's very important for the judge and fiscal court members to work together and also along with the city government on projects to help everyone.

The new magistrate thanked everyone in the first district for their vote and support and vowed to work hard to earn their confidence.

Rates

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* Local Broadcast Station Surcharge, from \$2.23 current to \$3.44 for an increase of \$1.21 per month.

* Regional Sports Surcharge from \$1.87 current to \$2.07, for .20 cents additional.

* HBO from \$17.95 to \$18.95. The increase for customers not receiving HBO will be \$1.41 per month to their bills and \$2.41 if they receive the HBO channel.

The letter noted the rate change would take effect on or about January 15, 2015 and reads as follows:

"The decision to make price adjustments is always a difficult one. We are very reluctant to raise video prices because, when we do, we lose subscribers. However, cable and satellite companies are constantly being pressured by the programmers we buy from to pay more for the channels we carry.

The fees we pay to retransmit local broadcast stations like ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC are by far our fastest growing programming cost component. As

Federal Communications Chairman, Tim Wheeler, noted, the cost of carrying local broadcasters "has skyrocketed from \$28 million in 2005 to \$2.4 billion in 2012, a nearly 8,600 percent increase in seven years." A Wells Fargo analyst recently predicted this number could jump five fold to \$12 billion annually by 2019.

The problems with sports programming are equally as alarming. One look at the skyrocketing rights fees announced with recent deals and it is easy to see that the marketplace for live televised sports is out of control. Broadcast networks and national and regional sports networks are shelling out billions of dollars for the rights to carry pro sports like the NFL, NBA, MLB, and NHL, Olympic Games, World Cup and NCAA football and basketball games. Unrestrained spending has become the hallmark of the sports programming business, and the American consumer, whether a sports fan or not, is left to pay the price.

In an effort to bring more transparency to the unjustified fee increases being taken by the owners of broadcast and sports television channels, Mediacom previously introduced a Local Broadcast Surcharge and a Regional Sports Surcharge. By

identifying the cumulative fee increase being taken by these channel owners, we hope to draw the attention of consumers and their elected representatives to this rapidly escalating problem.

Greater transparency is only part of the solution, though. Recognizing that many consumers are frustrated by the current state of affairs in the video marketplace, Mediacom filed a petition on July 21, 2014, asking the Federal Communications Commission to adopt new rules that would allow expensive channels to be sold a la carte, create options to purchase channels on an unbundled basis, ensure consumers have access to free online video content and prevent unjustified wholesale price discrimination (see http://mediacomcable.com/site/about_news_27_07_2014.html). We also maintain a website, www.mediacomonyourside.com, to help educate consumers about programming cost issues.

Despite the business challenges we face, Mediacom appreciates the opportunity to serve your community's telecommunications needs. If you may have any questions, please contact me directly (Kate Hotle) at (309) 743-4152 or khotle@mediacom-mc.com.



American Legion and VFW visit Clinton Care and Rehab

The American Legion and VFW brought Christmas gifts of fruit and socks for elders of Clinton County Care and Rehabilitation. Pictured: (L-R) Ms. Anna Irwin, Mr. Ron Myers, Mr. James Guffey, Commander, and Mr. Jimmy Sidwell; Not pictured: Mr. Leon Purrell.

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DEATHS



Timmy Jay Harris

Timmy Jay Harris, 44, Burkesville, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, December 28, 2014 at his family's residence in Edmonton. He was the son of the late Ranson Paul and Mary Harris, and was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Gene and Billy David Harris. He attended Grace Union Baptist Church.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Paul (Mary) Harris; Mary Ann (Norris) Smith; Phyllis Hulse; Carlie Harris; Tony (Melissa) Harris, all of Burkesville, KY; Bessie Slaughter, Albany; Patty (Tracy) Burden, Lexington, KY; also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Norris-New Funeral Home with Bro. Donnie Shelley and Bro. David McCarty officiating. Final resting place in Christian Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Norris-New Funeral Home of Burkesville, Kentucky.



Vinson Richardson

Vinson Richardson, 71, McFall Rd., Albany, passed away Friday, January 2, 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a native of Texas, and a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He was preceded in death by one grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Sandi Richardson; a son, Cody (Emily) Richardson; four daughters, Samantha Richardson Ralls; Dalayma Richardson (Chris) Curtis; Tatum Richardson (Tim) Cox; Tiana Richardson Smith; two sisters, Sherry Richardson Cash and Cathy Richardson Cunningham; also 13 grandchildren.

A memorial celebration will be held Friday, January 9, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Albany Nazarene Church. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder-Wounded Warrior Project for medical expenses. Arrangements made through Weldon Haddix Funeral Home of Albany.



Mintie Basham

Mintie Basham, 83, Albany, passed away Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Clinton County Hospital. She was the wife of the late Granvil Basham, mother of the late Gary Basham and a member of Clear Fork Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Terry Basham, Albany; three grandchildren, Matthew and T.J. Basham and Rachel Stewart and one great-granddaughter, Briana Stewart.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. Bob Sawyer, Bro. Melvin Daniel and Bro. Alvin Sells officiating. Final resting place in Memorial Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.



Mary Dean Abston Troxell

Mary Dean Abston Troxell, 83, Albany, passed away Monday, December 29, 2014 at Cookeville Regional Hospital. She was the wife of the late Otis Abston and the late Junior Troxell and was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Conner. She was a member of Gospel Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Kenny and Ronnie Abston; three sisters, Marie Smith, Loretta Guinn and Walena Dalton, all of Albany; also 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. Sam Booher and Bro. Donald McGill officiating. Final resting place in Five Springs Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.



Maggie G. Warinner

Maggie G. Warinner, 92, Albany, passed away Thursday, January 1, 2015 at Clinton County Hospital. She was a member of Stony Point Baptist Church.

She is survived by four sisters-in-law, Bonnie Warinner, New Castle, IN; Jean Warinner, Monticello, KY; Louise and Minnie Warinner, both of Albany; also several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. Jim England officiating. Final resting place in Memorial Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.

Leah Lucille Miller

Leah Lucille Miller, 89, Piqua, Ohio and formerly of Albany, passed away Friday, December 26, 2014 in Ohio.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Connie Dowell and Larry Dowell, all of Piqua, OH; Garry Dowell, New Carlisle, OH; also three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 2, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. David Stearns and Bro. Bob Sawyer officiating. Final resting place in Peolia Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.

Glenn H. Dalton

Glenn H. Dalton, 84, New Castle, Indiana and a native of Albany, passed away Saturday, January 3, 2015 at his home. He was the son of the late Joe Haskel and Emma (Cooksey) Dalton and was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Wynn (Vitatie) Dalton; three children, Rhonda Dalton; Jerry (Sue) Dalton, both of New Castle, IN; Rachel (Tim) Walters, Tampa, FL; four grandchildren, Jeremy and Jaimie Dalton and Jadon and Gannon Walters and two great-grandsons.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service with final resting place in South Mound Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service of New Castle, Indiana. Online condolences may be made at www.hinsey-brown.com.



Rosie L. Melton

Rosie L. Melton, 75, Albany, passed away Friday, January 2, 2015 at Clinton County Hospital. She was preceded in death by a son, Danny Brown and a daughter, Shirley Brown.

She is survived by special friend, Kenneth Hall; four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda Brown, Jamestown, KY; Anna and Marty Helm and Lola and Gary Cape, all of Columbia, KY; Mary Ann and Brandon Gadberry, Russell Springs, KY; two sons and daughter-in-law, Raymond Brown, Albany; Bill and Shelia Brown, Columbia, KY; a sister, Letha Pierce, Albany; five brothers, Melvin Brown, Muncie, IN; Clarence, Johnny, Charlie and James Brown, all of Albany; also 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 5, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. Jamie McCutchen officiating. Final resting place in Lands Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.

Vernon Arnold

Vernon Arnold, 82, Wolf River Dock Rd., Albany, passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at Clinton County Care and Rehab Center.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Katherine Arnold, Albany, and two daughters, Donna Toney and Deborah Dreier, both of Florida.

A memorial service will be held at a later date with arrangements through Weldon Haddix Funeral Home of Albany.

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QURRAT SHAMIM, M.D., a specialist in nephrology, has joined the staff at Cookeville Regional Medical Center and will be joining Cookeville Regional Medical Group located in the hospital's Professional Office Building at 145 W. Fourth Street, Suite 201.

Dr. Shamim completed medical school at the DOW University Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan. She also performed a residency in internal medicine at the University of West Virginia. She then completed a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Florida in Jacksonville and a fellowship in geriatrics at Indiana University/Purdue University in Indianapolis.

Dr. Shamim is board certified in nephrology, geriatric medicine and internal medicine.

RONAK JANI, M.D., a specialist in neurology, has joined the staff at Cookeville Regional Medical Center and will be joining Cookeville Regional Medical Group located in the hospital's Professional Office Building at 145 W. Fourth Street, Suite 201.

Board certified in neurology, Dr. Jani completed medical school at Bharati Vidyapeeth's Medical College in Pune, India, in 2003. He performed an internship in internal medicine at Brookdale University Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and a residency in neurology at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Jacksonville.

He then completed a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at the University of Buffalo, SUNY in Buffalo, New York, and a fellowship in neuroimaging at DENT Neurologic Institute in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Jani has a special interest in stroke, epilepsy, neurophysiology (EEG and EMG) and neuroimaging.



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REGIONAL NEWS

WAYNE CO. OUTLOOK Monticello

A local man was arrested Wednesday, December 24 and charged with allegedly imprisoning another man at his home on Bell Lane.

According to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, John Mark Walters, 57, was charged with unlawful imprisonment first degree.

Several local officers responded to the residence at approximately 2:48 a.m. on December 24.

According to an arrest citation issued in the case, a strange text was sent from the victim's phone alerting a third party that something was wrong at the residence.

The citations stated that Walters first refused to open the door when officers arrived.

He was later talked into opening the door.

The victim, who was found inside, stated that he had not been allowed to leave the residence.

He also stated that he had been raped, according to the citation.

Walters was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Jerry Coffey and lodged in Wayne County Detention Center.

No bond had been set in the case.

Also assisting at the scene was the Monticello Police Department and Kentucky State Police.

Former Wayne County Court Clerk Eileen Parrigin died on Sunday, December 21. She was 89 years old.

Parrigin served as Wayne County Clerk from December 1990, when she was appointed to succeed her husband, Robert Able Parrigin, who died shortly after he was re-elected to another term in office.

Parrigin served as clerk until her retirement in 1993.

Current Wayne County Clerk Josephine Gregory worked for Parrigin during her tenure.

"She was very professional, and she always did a good job," said Gregory. "She served the people of Wayne County well."

Parrigin was born in Winal-

ton, England. She moved to the United States in 1947, became a citizen and lived in Monticello the rest of her life.

Parrigin is survived by her daughter, Linda Susan Parrigin, one grandson, one granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 24 at Hickey and Son Funeral Home. Burial was in Elk Spring Cemetery.

A new public-private partnership will develop a robust, reliable, fiber "backbone" infrastructure to bring high-speed internet connectivity to every corner of the Commonwealth, with the critical first components scheduled to be operational in less than two years.

Governor Steve Beshear and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers announced the partnership with Macquarie Capital two weeks ago.

"We are on an aggressive time line and believe that the Macquarie team's technical capabilities and history of innovative solutions are the best fit for this important project," said

Governor Beshear. "Kentucky's internet speed and accessibility have lagged behind the rest of the nation for far too long. This partnership puts us on the path to propel the Commonwealth forward in education, economic development, health care, public safety and much more."

This infrastructure project is unlike any other seen in Kentucky in the last 50 years. Broadband, now considered an essential utility service, will improve Kentucky's dismal connectivity and slow speeds to some of the fastest and highest capacity service in the U.S.--all with the potential to lower consumer costs and improve coverage as well.

Just as important, this project will be paid for up front by leveraging private capital at no additional cost to Kentucky taxpayers.

"If we were to rely solely on the state government funding to get this project off the ground, it would take years, if not decades. Those kinds of tax dollars just aren't available," said Gov. Beshear. "In this technology-dependent economy, we can't afford to wait another minute. That's why this partnership is so valuable--it ramps up this project to the speed of the private sector without any additional burden on our taxpayers."

The first stage of the project is to build the main broadband fiber lines across the state. These major fiber lines are called the "middle mile." The "open access" network will allow the private sector to use the fiber to deliver services into communities. Once complete, other internet service provider companies, cities, partnerships, or other groups may then tap into those "middle mile" lines to complete the "last mile"--the lines that run to individual homes or businesses.

Where already in place, the project will take advantage of existing infrastructure, thus partnering with local telecommunications companies, municipalities and major carriers to deliver the network more quickly and reduce construction costs.

Improved cell phone coverage is anticipated as part of the initiative. Cell phone companies may choose to use the state's "middle-mile" fiber network to add capacity and broaden coverage areas throughout the Commonwealth that have traditionally had poor cell phone reception.

When completed, the more than 3,000 miles of fiber will be in place across the state. This "middle-mile" fiber infrastructure is key to reaching much of Kentucky's large rural population.

Fiber will be available in all 120 counties, and the underserved eastern Kentucky region will be the first priority area for the project. The Center for Rural Development in Somerset will partner with the Commonwealth, focusing on communities east of Interstate 75. The Center will also host education workshops to help communities learn how to connect to the new network.

The push for reliable, accessible high-speed broadband is one recommendation that emerged from SOAR, the "Shaping Our Appalachian Region" initiative.

"We're laying the first bricks for what could be 'Silicon Holler.' This new Super I-Way is the cornerstone of SOAR's mission to diversify the economy in eastern Kentucky with improvements in business recruitment, fast-tracking telemedicine in the mountains, and adding high tech advancements in education," said Congressman Rogers. "I commend all of our federal, state and local partners for working together on this project that will undoubtedly chart the course for a better future in the coalfields and across the Commonwealth."

Over the past several months, the Commonwealth in conjunction with the Center for Rural Development, released the request for proposal solicitation and negotiated with private sector vendors including Macquarie Capital.

Macquarie Capital has assembled a team of market-leading specialists to design, develop and operate the network over the next 30 years. While the private sector partners will bear developmental and operational risks of the project, the Commonwealth will retain ownership of the network.

Macquarie will begin work immediately on phase one to design the overall statewide system

and determine the project's scale. The design and cost estimates are due by the end of February 2015 with construction of the first segments expected to begin in the summer and completed by April 2016. The total cost of the project will depend upon the ability to leverage existing infrastructure versus deploying new routes, which will be determined during the design phase. Overall, the project is estimated to cost between \$250 million to \$350 million, and will be supported by approximately \$30 million in state bonds and \$15 to \$20 million in federal grants.

Work along I-75 from northern Kentucky to Williamsburg will form the "spine" of the network, with work on the priority region of southeastern Kentucky occurring simultaneously. More than 100 key facilities will be connected, including universities, state government buildings and community and technical colleges.

CUMBERLAND CO. NEWS Burkesville

The Cumberland County Fiscal Court met in special session December 22 to discuss a right-to-work ordinance as recently passed in Warren County.

The court heard from Timothy Gilliam, the state director of Protect My Check, a non-profit organization heading the Right to Work initiative. He told the court that several other Kentucky counties were also discussing a right-to-work ordinance.

Gilliam said passing the ordinance will help Cumberland County to compete for jobs with neighboring Tennessee, which has a right-to-work law.

The court was to discuss the matter at its January 5 meeting and possibly have a first reading of the ordinance.

The court also discussed renaming the Leslie Curve portion of Highway 90 West. The court had voted at the previous meeting to name it King Smith Road, but Judge John Phelps said he had heard from some residents requesting a different name. Magistrate Ricky White made a motion to rename the road McGee Branch Road, a name that had been suggested by Cathi Capps. Magistrate J.V. Groce seconded the motion which passed with all voting yes, including Phelps.

TIMES JOURNAL Russell Springs

One person was killed and another arrested and charged with murder following an early morning shooting on Saturday, December 27, police say.

State Police Post 15 in Columbia received a call from Russell County dispatch at approximately 3:49 a.m. in reference to a shooting that had occurred at 4248 KY Hwy. 92 where 34-year-old Jason Adam Willis lived.

Willis had become involved in a verbal argument with his neighbor, Trever Robertson, 19, of Lot 1 Sunset Loop, Russell Springs police said.

Police say that at some point during the argument, Robertson retrieved a shotgun from his residence and shot Willis, striking him in the upper torso.

Willis was pronounced dead at the scene by Russell County Deputy Coroner Mike Reynolds.

Robertson was arrested by Trooper B. J. Burton, charged with murder and lodged in Russell County Detention Center.

The investigation is ongoing and not additional details were available at press time.

State police updates will follow as the investigation allows.

Multiple law enforcement agencies were involved in the apprehension of Charles D. Northern, 42, of Russell Springs, on Saturday, December 27, after running from police attempting to stop him for speeding on Hwy. 127.

Around 11 p.m. Saturday, Northern was allegedly witnessed traveling at a high rate of speed and driving recklessly

in a silver 2004 Saturn by local police, who then attempted to pull him over. Instead, Northern purportedly led police on a chase heading north on Hwy. 127 where he entered the Cumberland Parkway heading east.

After some time, he performed a u-turn on the parkway heading back toward Russell Springs. At Hwy. 80, police briefly lost the vehicle but received calls advising dispatch the subject was on Hwy. 910. At J.W. Harris Road in the Gosser Ridge area the subject fled on foot until detained by police.

Investigating officer Jeremy England was assisted by members of the Russell County Sheriff's Office, Russell Springs Police Department, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Kentucky State Police.

Northern was lodged in Russell County Detention Center, charged with fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle) first and second degree, wanton endangerment of a police officer first and second degree, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs aggravated second degree, criminal mischief second degree and reckless driving.

THE HERALD CITIZEN Cookeville, TN

A 22-year-old Baxter man is in jail after being indicted for allegedly stealing more than \$11,000 from an elderly man with whom he was reportedly living and for having drug paraphernalia in the home.

Stephen Lynn Whitehead was indicted by the Putnam County Grand Jury in early December on a felony charge of theft totaling more than \$10,000 and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, and he was arrested on those charges on Dec. 26.

The theft reportedly happened over a period of time ranging between Oct. 27 and Nov. 10, while Whitehead was living in a house on the Elm Street.

"At the time of the incident, Whitehead was living in the home with the victim, and he took a substantial amount of money that belonged to the older gentleman," said District Attorney General Bryant Dunaway.

There is no biological relation between the two, Dunaway said, but he could not further speculate on the details of their living arrangement when the theft occurred.

The warrant issued for Whitehead's arrest the day following his indictment does indeed list his address as Elm Street, but the street number is different from the victim's street address number listed on the indictment.

"We know that the owner kept a safe of some type in his home, and from it is where the theft occurred," Dunaway said.

In that safe, the owner kept cash and other items of importance.

Dunaway said Whitehead likely obtained access to the safe simply by being present when the elderly homeowner opened it and observing the combination he used to do so.

Between the end of October and first days of November, Whitehead allegedly took more than \$11,000 from the elderly man's safe.

When the owner realized the money was missing, he reported the theft to the Baxter Police Department, and officers responded to the residence.

At the time the theft was reported, Whitehead allegedly still lived at the residence with the elderly man.

Officers interviewed him about the incident, and Dunaway said Whitehead "gave admission" to committing the crime.

A search of the residence uncovered various items of drug paraphernalia — including a pipe, syringes and spoons — in the room reportedly occupied by Whitehead.

Since his arrest on Dec. 26, Whitehead has been held in the Putnam County Justice Center on \$7,500 bond.

His initial court appearance is set for Jan. 26.

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SPORTS

Lady Dawgs tested by Russell, remain undefeated at 15-0

The Clinton County Lady Bulldogs continue on the winning path and with Saturday night's, 56-50 win against Rus-

sell County, the Lady Dawgs are now at the 15-0 mark of the season.

In order to grab the team's

15th win, the Lady Dawgs had to come from behind and take control of the game late in the contest in order to secure the win.

The Lady Dawgs started the game with a basket by leading scorer, Ansley Stalcup. Both teams struggled early on in the contest with Russell County tying the score at two with 4:55 on the clock.

A free throw by Kayla Dicken with 4:28 remaining in the first quarter gave Clinton County a one point lead, 3-2, however, a basket by Russell County gave the Lady Lakers a one point lead with 3:47 on the clock, 4-3.

Both teams fought on offense and finished the quarter with the Lady Dawgs trailing by two points, 10-8.

The second quarter seemed more difficult for Clinton County as shots continued to not fall for the Lady Dawgs.

For most of the period, Russell County stayed ahead of the Lady Dawgs by five plus points, and even reached a seven point lead with 3:32 remaining in the half, 21-14.

Clinton County's struggling offense gave Russell County the confidence in the first half to maintain it's lead. As the seconds were winding down in the first half, Stalcup hit a two pointer to cut the lead to five points at the half, 30-25.

During the first four minutes of the third quarter, Clinton County put together a 9-5 run to trail by one point, 35-34. Russell County extended its lead with two baskets and a free throw for a six point advantage, 40-34, with 3:14 on the clock.

Clinton County then went to work and cut the lead to two as the quarter ended, 40-38. Clinton

County didn't stop there as the Lady Dawgs took its first lead since the first quarter with 7:41 on the clock in the fourth quarter, 41-40.

Russell County regained the lead on a field goal, but a free throw by Allie Hopper tied the score at 42 with 6:40 remaining in the game.

Russell County jumped out to a three point lead on a field goal and a free throw, 45-42, with 4:57 on the clock.

Clinton County's Dicken then went to work on the offensive end, scoring Clinton County's next eight points to give the Lady Dawgs a five point lead, 50-45 with 1:49 remaining.

Russell County managed to cut the lead to one point with 42 seconds left, 50-49, but four free throws by Stalcup gave Clinton County a five point lead, 54-49 with 22 seconds remaining.

Russell County hit one free throw to finish out the game, but Clinton County's Dicken hit a field goal to give Clinton County its largest lead of the game and the win, 56-50.

Clinton County hit 18 of 49 from the floor for 36.7 percent, compared to Russell County's 19 of 45 for 42.2 percent.

From the free throw line, Clinton County was 78.9 percent on 15 of 19.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:
Stalcup.....26
Dicken.....13
Hicks.....6
Campbell.....3
McWhorter.....3
Hopper.....3
Boils.....2

Clinton County played Tuesday night at Clinton County High

School as the Pickett County Lady Bobcats came to town. Game highlights and photos will be published in next week's edition.

Also up next for the Lady Dawgs will be an away game at

Metcalfe County Friday and a game against Perry County Central on Saturday at Russell County in the Bankers Classic.

Friday night's game against Metcalfe County is set for a 6 p.m. tip off.



Kayla Dicken spun around a defender to make this fall away jumper late in the second half. Clinton County won the contest, 56-50, and improved its record to 15-0. Dicken finished the game with 13 points.



Ansley Stalcup led all scoring Saturday night with 26 points in the Lady Dawgs' 15th straight win of the season. The Lady Dawgs hosted Pickett County Tuesday night, too late for press deadline, and will travel to Metcalfe County Friday night.

Dawgs continue to struggle

The Clinton County Bulldogs lost Saturday night against Russell County to move to 9-6 on the year, leaving the Laker's gym with the 72-56 loss.

The Dawgs' game was somewhat close during the first half, with Clinton County leading 12-11 after the first period.

During the second quarter, Russell County caught fire and began to move ahead of the Dawgs, 26-15 with 3:54 remaining in the half.

The Dawgs then put together a 9-1 run to cut the lead to two points, 26-24, but Russell County then finished the quarter with an 8-4 run to lead by five at half-time, 33-28.

Russell County extended it's lead in the third quarter to seven points twice before Clinton County made another run at the lead by tying the game at 39 with 4:55 on the clock.

From that point on it was treading water for the Dawgs as Russell County took complete control of the game.

Russell County finished the third quarter with an 11-0 run to lead by 11 points, 50-39.

During the fourth quarter, Clinton County's offense was almost non-existent as Russell County continued to pull away from the Dawgs.

The Lakers reached a 23 point lead with 2:32 on the clock, 70-47.

Head Coach Todd Messer pulled his starters for the remainder of the game and the Dawgs finished with a 16-point loss, 72-56, and its sixth of the year.

The Dawgs hit 18 of 50 from the floor for 36 percent and hit 13 of 22 from the foul line for 59.1 percent.

Russell County hit more free throws in the game than Clinton County shot, bringing into question the number of fouls called on Clinton County, compared to Russell County. The Lakers hit 30 of 34 from the foul line for 88.2 percent with Clinton County being called for 28 personal fouls for the game. Russell County was only called for 19 personal fouls during the game.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:
Dalton.....16
Smith.....14
Claywell.....9
Gibson.....6
Collins.....5
Summers.....3
Nelson.....2
Brown.....1

Clinton County hosted Pickett County Tuesday night, too late for press deadline, and will travel to Metcalfe County Friday to take on the Hornets. Tip off for Friday night's game will be immediately following the Lady Dawgs' game.



Above, Lance Claywell put up a jumper in the lane during Saturday night's game against Russell County. Claywell finished with nine points.

Left, Head Coach Todd Messer had words with referee Tonie Brown during the second half of Saturday night's game that resulted in Messer getting a technical foul.

Clinton County lost the game, 72-56 and moved its record to 9-6 on the year.

The Bulldogs hosted Pickett County Tuesday night, too late for press deadline, and will travel to Metcalfe County Friday night for the third meeting between the two teams. Clinton County has defeated the Hornets twice this season.



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SPORTS

Sports in Kentucky *by Bob Watkins*

Rose on a ballot, Ken Burns-to-Kentucky, among like-to-see(s) in 2015



New year, new chance (s) to get it right.

Turning the sports calendar, a few things I hope we see this year.

1. A Pew Foundation two-question survey for fans across America:

✓ Would you like to see Pete Rose's name on a Baseball Hall of Fame ballot?

✓ If not, would you vote to eliminate other rascals, rogues, scoundrels, womanizers and cheats with plaques at Cooperstown? Another way of saying: Ty Cobb, Cap Anson, Leo Durocher, Gaylord Perry and, well, just say the list is long.

Rose will be 73 in April, is a confessed liar and cheat. Cobb was a violent loon, Anson a racist, Durocher suspended for gambling, and Perry an avowed cheat?

Truth is, Rose helped enrich MLB by millions of dollars in 23 seasons. He drew fans to see him play in 3,562 games; won three batting titles; had a 44-game hit streak; owns three World Series rings; had best ever 4,256 hits; and played in 17 all-star games.

To bring Pete Rose in from the cold would make MLB another mega-bushel of money, score public relations points, and give Americans a feels-good-to-forgive moment.

2. Ken Burns documentary – Basketball in Kentucky. Start at Carr Creek, reel up a generous slice on personalities, pick the perfect narrator based on voice and understanding of every nuance in the material. Dan Manley in Mt. Sterling). Access a wealth of priceless photos. Voila! A five-night series, minimum.

3. Jake Bell, SEC coordinator for basketball officials, shows courage over political correctness insisting his designates do their jobs, demand coaches stay inside the coach's box.

4. Kentucky Wildcats travel to Nashville for SEC Tournament in March, 31-0.

5. Rick Pitino retires. A new career, before Da Coach pops a vein in his neck while verbally scalping an 18-year-old.

6. Elijah Sindelar, Kentucky Mr. Football 2015 becomes point man on revival of Boiler-maker football, starting in 2017.

7. NBA Players Union drops age limit, let high school graduates do what most do, choose college or career.

8. NBA draft in June, second overall pick: Willie Cauley-Stein, after Duke's Jahli Okafor.

9. Year III of Mark Stoops' football at Kentucky is a launch year. 1. Word inexperienced is deleted before it's a crutch; 2. With pay hike and contract extension last year translates into progress this fall for Big Blue Nation: Year three. Show us something!

10. Somebody gives UK director of athletics Mitch Barnhart a commendation, a medal, or at least a gift card to Wal-Mart. In two e-mails to UK fans, Barnhart crowed about his men's basketball team's 3.1 grade point average for fall semester. And, he said, "We enter the New Year 26th in the latest Directors' Cup standings, which puts ahead of last year's record-setting pace heading into the spring semester."

A public commendation for a man who uh, doing his job.

11. Television sports executives end the mindless halftime on-the-run dumb question interviews with ball coaches headed to locker rooms.

12. Army-Navy game. For series sake, hope the Cadets end the Middies' 13 years win streak.

13. Hope the brainless cliché Tell it like it is, goes the way of Howard Cosell ... allowed to die and be buried.

14. When a college football player lingers over an opponent after a violent or unnecessarily brutal hit, 15 yard penalty, automatic ejection for player and position coach.

15. Statewide canvas of fans. "Would you like to see Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky compete in football and basketball annually?"

16. Will the sports guy confess who hatched the idea "... SEC West teams are strong and teams in the East are weak," identify himself? Maybe self-anointed genius Paul Finebaum in Alabama?

Sounded clever and SEC media herd bought it, incorporated it into daily/weekly renderings.

In January, reality showed up. SEC West teams played in seven bowls, lost five, including No. 1 ranked Alabama. Meanwhile, East Division teams ran the table, 5-0.

What's it mean in 2015? Advertisers touting SEC as best in America could take a hit in profits. A harder hit might be to Crimson Tide hearts.

17. Hope your favorite ball coach manages a sweet deal like Tony Barbee's at Kentucky. Titled special assistant, Barbee is not allowed to coach. A Louis-

ville Courier-Journal report said, his "... is essentially a desk job and pays \$150,000 a year."

So, essentially Barbee is a fan still being paid by Auburn, and \$150,000 from UK ... to watch games from best seat in the house, free.

18. Double college football playoffs to eight teams.

19. Need inspiration? Try Sum-It-Up. Life story of college basketball's winningest coach, Pat Head-Summitt.

Hope we see ...

20. Bill Walton guests on CBS's The Late Show when Stephen Colbert takes over this year, could be classic.

21. Television sports network executives cut back on talking heads. Guys and girls in 2014 analyzed everything they saw and too often were so busy blabbing we saw things they didn't see.

22. Pittsburgh Pirates go to the World Series.

23. Tribute. Stuart Scott, personality at ESPN more than two decades, died last Sunday. In 2015 someone will sit in his chair knowing he or she cannot fill it. Boo-Yah!

24. Talk show viewers/listeners experience more classics like tweets from two Alabama fans to talk host Paul Finebaum after Ohio State dumped the Crimson Tide.

✓ Fan 1. "(It) Wasn't over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor."

✓ Fan 2. "Germans? Are you actually comparing Bama's loss to the bombing of Pearl Harbor?" And so it goes.

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TURNOVERS

BY
ALAN B. GIBSON



First look at the rankings

It's no secret that I put very little stock in pre-season rankings - or ratings if you prefer that terminology, but we always look and it makes for good conversation, particularly when us fans are sitting around waiting on the start of another roundball season.

However, I do put a little more stock in the ratings that begin showing up as the season progresses. The later into the season, the more the ratings seem to mean.

On Monday the first set of Dave Cantrell's (the best in my opinion) Rating the State came out in the Lexington Herald Leader so let's take a brief look at what it looked like in both girls and boys.

As for the girls, not much surprise in the top teams and not much surprise that our Lady Bulldogs, despite having built up a most impressive 15-0 record at the time these first rankings came out, certainly have their work cut out for them in games across the region.

Translation - from top to bottom, the 4th Region might be the absolute best in girls basketball in the state right now.

While E-Town sits atop of the top 25, if you break down the 4th Region, and at this time that's all we really care about, our 4th Region is a tough one to say the least.

The Lady Dawgs, with their 15-0 overall record, are holding down the 6th spot out of 17 teams in the region. More impressive, however, is that three of the teams from this region are rated in the top 25 with Allen County-Scottsville in 4th, South Warren in 9th and Bowling Green in the 24th position.

According to Cantrell, also ahead of Clinton County would be Monroe County (4th in the region) and Glasgow just ahead of our Lady Dawgs, in 5th.

I think our Lady Dawgs are showing up a little low, after all, any team that can win 15 in a row deserves a little more credit than they give. I'm putting us at this point in the season, at least in the 4th spot - ahead of Monroe and Glasgow. The Lady Dawgs handed Monroe (8-6) a pretty sound defeat early in the season, 61-49, and Glasgow also defeated the Lady Falcons in mid-December, 53-44.

Now for the boys side.

The 4th Region isn't coming through as such a powerhouse group of teams this year, as none of the 17 made it into the top 25 that not surprisingly sees Louisville Ballard in the state's No. 1 position.

Just out of the top 25 are three 4th Region teams, Bowling Green, Monroe County and Warren Central, in that order and rated within less than a point from each other.

Clinton County is holding down the No. 5 spot in the 4th Region, just behind district rival Russell County. The other two 16th District teams are in the final two spots in the region lineup, Metcalfe County at No. 16 and Cumberland County at No. 17.

At present, our Bulldogs are struggling to find their game, and I'm thinking that situation is about to turn around. I'm looking for Clinton County to shake the 4th Region ratings up considerably in the next couple of weeks.

Things get busy over the next two weeks for both Clinton County squads, by the way, with three 16th District match ups, followed by the All "A" Classic tournament.

Congratulations - and more to come

Congratulations are certainly in order to Bulldog senior guard Keifer Dalton. While playing in Mt. Sterling last week in the Gateway Holiday Classic, he dropped in his career 1,888th point to overtake all-time point leader Kenneth "Chuck" Conner on the Bulldog scoring list.

Kudos to both Dalton and Conner. It took someone 55 years to match the feat that Ken Conner put up back in the late 1950s and early 1960s for the Bulldogs.

Following the record setting game at Mt. Sterling, a Gateway Tournament official presented Keifer with the game basketball - a fitting gesture that Keifer and Clinton County will always appreciate.

This past Tuesday night, in our home matchup against Pickett County, a ceremony was to be held (too late for press deadline this week) to honor Dalton for his accomplishment, and we plan on having extensive coverage of that presentation in next week's coverage.

I would also need to point out here that from here until the end of this season, every point Keifer scores - sets a new record.

Congrats to Keifer. He's a fantastic young man, on and off the court.



Lucas Brown killed this doe while hunting with his cousin Silas Brown in Clinton County.



Bulldog guard Keifer Dalton was presented the game basketball that he scored the record breaking 1,888th point last week during the Gateway Holiday Classic Tournament in Montgomery County, Kentucky. C.C.H.S. Head Coach Todd Messer is at left, as the basketball was presented to Dalton by a Tournament official. An additional ceremony honoring Dalton's feat was planned for this past Tuesday night, and will be featured with coverage in next week's Clinton County News.

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World’s cheapest car debuts in India

January 10, 2008

On this day in 2008, at the New Delhi Auto Expo in India, Tata Motors debuts the Nano, billing it as the world’s cheapest car: The anticipated price tag is around \$2,500. Tata, India’s largest automaker, called the four-door, bubble-shaped mini-vehicle (it was just 5 feet wide and 10 feet long) the “People’s Car” and declared that it would be a vehicle for families who previously hadn’t been able to afford a car. (At the time, it wasn’t uncommon to see an entire family precariously packed onto a single motorbike.)

The Nano was originally scheduled to go on sale in October 2008; however, production delays arose because of a land dispute in West Bengal, where the car’s production plant was being built. The company opted to move its production facilities to another part of India and the Nano officially went on sale across the country in April 2009. The basic model carried a starting price of approximately \$2,000 (not including taxes) and came without a radio, air conditioning, airbags, power steering or power windows. It had a body made of plastic and sheet metal and a 32-horsepower, 624cc two-cylinder rear-mounted engine, and it could reach speeds of 65 miles per hour. In another nod to cost-cutting, the car had just one windshield wiper.

Tata received more than 203,000 pre-orders for the Nano—a strong number, especially considering that at the time there were only about nine cars for every 1,000 people in India. However, because Tata was only able to produce an initial run of 100,000 Nanos, the cars’ first owners were chosen by lottery. The Nano was initially sold only in India, although Tata said it eventually intended to launch the car in other parts of the world.

Tata Motors is part of the Tata Group, one of India’s largest and oldest business conglomerates. And Tata does not just make inexpensive cars: In March 2008, the company purchased the venerable British brands Jaguar and Land Rover from the Ford Motor Company for \$2.3 billion.

Roosevelt dedicates the Grand Canyon as a national monument

January 11, 1908

On this day in 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt places the Grand Canyon under public protection, declaring it a national monument. In a statement made during a visit to the Grand Canyon in 1903, Roosevelt indicated his intention to preserve one of America’s most unique natural sites. He urged Americans to “let this great wonder of nature remain as it now is. Do nothing to mar its grandeur, sublimity and loveliness. You cannot improve on it. But what you can do is to keep it for your children, your children’s children, and all who come after you, as the one great sight which every American should see.”

Miners had discovered valuable mineral resources in the Grand Canyon in the 1800s, yet extraction was a dangerous and expensive task. At the beginning of the 20th century, mining claims waned while tourism increased. Photographers, writers and painters captured the Grand Canyon’s dramatic beauty in their works and, with improvements in transportation, the Grand Canyon became a popular tourist destination. Roosevelt recognized industrial and commercial development as an imminent threat to the site and sought to prevent the construction of a railroad around the canyon’s perimeter.

Born to privilege and educated at Harvard, Roosevelt possessed a deep respect for nature gained through his experience living and ranching in the Dakota Territories. Prior to his involvement in politics, Roosevelt had indulged his passion for preservation as president of the American Historical Association and led scientific expeditions to South America and Africa. As president, he initiated federal water-management and land-use policies with the 1902 Newlands Act and, in 1906, signed the Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities, giving the president the power to officially declare natural and historic sites situated on federal land as national monuments. During an age when the environment was beginning to show strain from industrial progress and settlement, Roosevelt assigned national-monument status to a record 18 natural sites. An ardent conservationist and avid hunter, Roosevelt issued a prophetic statement that “the conservation of our natural resources and their proper use constitute the fundamental problem which underlies almost every other problem of our national life.” Congress upgraded the Grand Canyon to national-park status in 1919 and doubled the protected area in 1975.

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City mail delivery will start Saturday

City mail delivery will start on January 16, 1960. Let me again urge all persons who expect to receive their mail on the city route to put up a mailbox or provide a slot in the door to receive the mail. Mail cannot be delivered if a box or slot is not provided. Also please notify all persons who will be corresponding with you regularly of your new address. This is very important as the mail at the post office will be sorted out according to street and number instead of by name. It is especially important that all persons receiving government or state checks to notify the proper source of your new address. Mail not properly addressed could cause a delay in delivery up to twenty-four hours.

All persons who live on one of the city delivery routes and are now receiving their mail at General Delivery (Window) at the Post Office, must provide a box or door slot at their established address or should obtain a private box at the Post Office. With the establishment of city delivery, all first class letters will be 4c per ounce. Christmas cards and other unsealed third class mail will remain at 3c per ounce.

John B. Smith and Robert Shelley have been employed as postmen for first class mail and Lloyd McWhorter for parcel post delivery which starts next Saturday. Smith will deliver in business section, and South and East Albany. Shelley’s route takes in a small part of business section, also North and West Albany. McWhorter will deliver parcel post on all city routes.

Ben Dyer, Postmaster

Coin-operated laundry for Albany

Albany will soon have a self-service, coin-operated laundry, according to Clarence Bray. Bray said he had seen the need for such service for Albany for some time.

Construction work on the building for the new business has started in South Albany. The laundry will be owned by Clarence Bray, Ed Weaver, and Bob Chilton. The business is expected to be ready for use in approximately 30 days, according to Chilton.

Morrison Well pumping 80 barrels a day

The J. E Morrison well No. 1 west of town drilled in a few days ago by the Yearley Oil Co. of Chrisney, Indiana, in the Stone River formation at a depth of 1041 feet, is making on the average, after on pump three days, about 80 barrels a day, with a lot of gas. The new location, which Yearley Oil Co. is drilling, will be on the J. H. Spears property, offsetting a producing well.

Garner Well pumping nearly 400 barrels a day

The gusher brought in January 2 on the Clete Garner farm at Highway has been put on pump and, according to L. H. Horn, one of the owners of the well, is now producing approximately 400 barrels a day.

Horn said production would be stepped up considerably just as soon as a larger pump could be installed. He said the pump now being used is too small to get full production. “The oil continues to flow from the well when the pump is not in operation,” Horn said. The rig has been moved about 200 feet from this well and drilling started Wednesday on Garner No. 2 well.

“I believe that drilling in this county is just beginning,” said Horn. “If I didn’t think this a real oil field I wouldn’t move rigs all the way from Oklahoma. Until we have more extensive drilling in this area, it is impossible to tell just how big an oil field it is.”

Horn believes that most wells already brought in in this county have been from migration oil through the shale and that a large pool is just waiting to be discovered.

7th and 8th grade 4-H meeting

The first Albany 7th and 8th grade 4-H Club meeting of the year met January 11 at Albany Grade School. Elected officers were: President, Patsy Burgess; Vice President, Deloris Hunter; Secretary, Linda Robinson; Treasurer, Sherman Boles; Song Leader, Linda Sue Ferguson, Peggy Humble; Club Reporters, Susie Qualls, Barbara Burke.

Healthy

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difference in our county,” Little said during the presentation. “Something we can look back on and say ‘we did something good.’”

The Healthy Hometown Coalition Clinton County is made up of a broad cross section of leaders that include government officials, school employees, members of the medical and health profession as well as several business and industry leaders.

The group also includes representatives from the very group of people it hopes to see benefit the most, members of the student population from Clinton County High School.

“We have been selected for Phase II funding and over the next three years, because of the great community support we have, we are going to get \$400,000,” Little said. “Our community support is what sold us.”

She added that while the plans are to address several health concerns of residents in Clinton County, the bulk of the programs will be pointed toward the reduction of the most prevalent issue that plagues local health conditions - obesity.

While the overall health of residents in Kentucky is poor, Clinton County ranks near the bottom of the state in health related matters and it is that statistic that the Healthy Hometown Coalition hopes to be able to address with the programs and projects that this additional grant funding should provide.

In her executive summary of the Healthy Hometown plan, Little noted that “children born and raised in Clinton County, Kentucky are more likely to be obese, face debilitating chronic diseases, have a lower quality of life and experience a shorter lifespan than children in other parts of Kentucky.”

In addition to the low health conditions seen in the younger aged residents here, the adults are also in poor health generally speaking and also suffer from a host of chronic conditions, most of which can be directly related to the biggest health issue that most local residents face - obesity.

Health problems that can be tied to the overweight condition also include diabetes, heart disease and hypertension.

Although last week’s meeting and announcement of the additional grant funding was the main topic of discussion, Little did point out during her presentation that the efforts of the Healthy Hometown Coalition were already being noticed through various efforts that had been made in the 18 months since the group was formed

For instance, she pointed out that several thousand dollars had already been secured through other organizations and private donations to help fund a renovation project at the Mountain View Recreation Park to provide new playground equipment.

Those efforts should see new and upgraded equipment being purchased and installed in 2015 and will also be the centerpiece project for additional improvements at the recreation park, including the installment of new surfacing around the playground equipment area as well as on the walking track.

Additional efforts related to increased physical activity levels for local youth also include the

organization of “walking clubs” at each of the Clinton County schools and eventually develop a “fitness buddy” program at Clinton County High School that would partner high school students with elementary school students in an effort to help increase fitness levels in the student age population.

In addition to the improvements at the recreation park that will be geared toward increasing the fitness and activity levels of the local youth and adults, much of the grant funds use will be geared toward the education and implementation of programs designed to improve the nutrition habits of local residents of all ages.

For instance, the implementation of school breakfast carts in schools as well as having available free fruits and vegetables for snack purposes for elementary students are among the many improvements she listed in the work plan that was submitted with the application for the Phase II funding request.

Other plans associated with the Clinton County Healthy Hometown effort will include the complete renovation of the Bus Stop Cafe Mobile Food Bus that was put into service last year and just this past summer served meals to children all across Clinton County.

That program alone was responsible for some 9,000 healthy and nutritional meals being served to children here.

Another nutrition based aspect of the plans would be for a school supper program that would be available for students who spent after-school hours working with tutoring services or

extra-curricular activities.

A host of fitness oriented programs designed to get residents into more active healthy habits are planned as is training for those who will be responsible for implementing and promoting those events, activities and programs.

The plan also calls for the eventual efforts needed to expand the local Farmers Market into a more productive and viable attraction for local residents and producers alike.

Continued to be based at the current Mountain View Park location, hopes are to see the Farmers Market be expanded, promoted and better equipped to benefit a much larger section of Clinton County residents.

Along that same line of nutritional improvements, the program also has plans that would get high school students more involved in that same area, with the implementation of a raised bed gardening program there and eventually provide a venue for the sale of the products raised in those gardens.

And while the program is designed to reach out to Clinton County residents of all ages, the age group that will benefit the most - through the new programs as well as the educational efforts - will be the school-aged and younger group.

In her Executive Summary, Little expressed her hopes for the success of the Healthy Hometown program by stating that “through changes in policies, programs and physical environments, Clinton County will become the Healthy Hometown our children deserve.”

Raid

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dispatched and responded to the location and did, in fact, discover a cockfight in progress when they arrived.

During the investigation, 23 chickens were taken by the Clinton County Animal Control agency and 15 criminal arrests were made.

None of those arrested at the scene were from Clinton County.

The following were all charged with Cruelty to Animals, 2nd Degree and Criminal Trespassing 2nd Degree: 19-year-old Cody Rhule, 23-year-old Eric Rhule, 45-year-old Ricky Rhule, 26-year-old Tabatha Williams, 39-year-old Kenneth Roberts and 31-year-old Stanley Crabtree, all of Monticello, Kentucky, 28-year-old Michael Parker

of East Bernstadt, Kentucky, 47-year-old James Davis, Jr. of Edmonton, Kentucky, 20-year-old Kimberly Bridgman of Jacksonville, Illinois, 38-year-old Greg Winchester and 51-year-old Ronald Lawson, both of Glasgow, Kentucky, 44-year-old Tony Gaddie and 25-year-old Christopher Medcalfe, both of Horse Cave, Kentucky, 23-year-old Shawn Abner of London, Kentucky and 45-year-old Johnny Poynter of Cave City, Kentucky.

All were lodged in the Clinton County Jail.

Trooper Gregory told the Clinton County News that it was anticipated that more charges would be forthcoming as the investigation is ongoing.

He also noted that at this point in the investigation, the identity of the individual or individuals who were acting as the host(s) for the illegal cockfight was also still under investigation.

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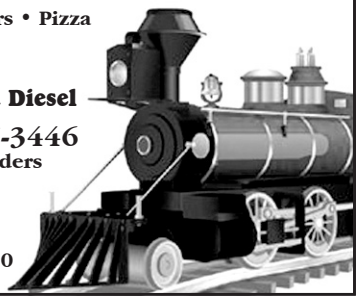
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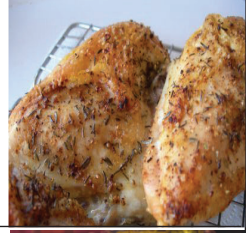
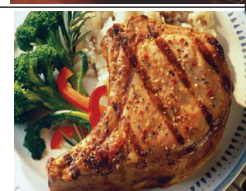
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